

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 170

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mary-Margaret Collier for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mary-Margaret Collier is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary sixteen years of service to the people of Tennessee during her tenure in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, Mary-Margaret Collier has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, a Kentucky native born in Lexington, Mary-Margaret received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Texas Christian University and her Master's in Business Administration from the University of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, prior to coming to the Tennessee Comptroller's Office, Ms. Collier served as the Assistant Director for Debt and Investment Management for the City of Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collier began her work with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office in January 1997 as Assistant Director for the Division of Bond Finance and was named Director in January, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collier was instrumental in merging the Division of Local Finance and Division of Bond Finance into the Office of State and Local Finance in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collier is responsible for the issuance and management of the State's general obligation debt, the debt of the Tennessee State School Bond Authority, and the

Tennessee Local Development Authority; the issuance of debt for the Tennessee Housing Development Agency; the administration of the loan program for the State Revolving Loan Funds; the approval of budgets and debt obligations of certain local governments; and the approval of certain investments authorized for local government; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collier serves as the Assistant Secretary to the State Funding Board, the Tennessee State School Bond Authority, the Tennessee Local Development Authority, and the Bond Finance Committee of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collier has been very active in the Government Finance Officers' Association, serving on the Executive Board and the CORBA and Debt and Fiscal Policy Committees, and serving as President of the Tennessee Government Finance Officers' Association in 2008; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in the Comptroller's Office, Ms. Collier was an integral part of the Office and a vital confidante to Comptroller William Snodgrass, Comptroller John Morgan, and Comptroller Justin Wilson on debt management as well as other government finance issues; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collier has been instrumental in advocating on behalf of the public's interest in the area of governmental financial management; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collier's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collier is a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and she has worked with purpose and conviction to establish a brighter future for the good people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Ms. Collier is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, Jack; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collier is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service and making Tennessee government work better for all Tennesseans, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Ms. Mary-Margaret Collier for her honorable and exemplary service to the good people of Tennessee and extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.